

School Nurse Experience Reflection Questions

1. How has your view of the student population changed?

The student population now is very different from when I was in junior high. All the junior highs in my town required everyone to be in uniform while this school allowed their student to wear just about anything. I saw some girls in short skirts, some students wore hats, and the students are allowed to be on their phones during free time. Hearing the way some of the students spoke to each other and faculty members was inappropriate. The nurse was even explaining to me that the rules have become relaxed since she started about 20 years ago.

2. How has your view of the school nurse role changed?

Not much has changed when it comes to my views on the school nurse. She had students and even faculty coming in asking for medications and passes due to various reasons. She was very accommodating and had her routine going which made things go smooth.

3. What surprised you about the school nurse experience?

Something that surprised me is that she is the only nurse at this junior high. She has to look out not only for the students but faculty as well.

4. What did you observe during your time there?

I was able to see how she interacts with different students. She had her regulars come in, which she would just do a quick assessment, write them a pass and send them back to class, and then she had other students that were showing more severe symptoms and had to send them home.

5. How was your experience different from what you expected?

Since the students were out for a snow day and then had school delayed, the nurse mentioned that since teachers had lost a lot of classroom time for the week then a lot of them wouldn't want to send students to the nurse, whatever the reason may have been. So there's wasn't a lot of students that came into the nurses office.

6. What are some of the needs/issues related to the health of the school age children that you may not have been aware of?

I wasn't aware of the medical needs that the special education kids are missing out on. Yes, they have amazing teachers that do a great job at teaching them, but there were a few that need that extra attention when it comes to caring for their health. They had a shortage of teachers, so it made it very difficult for them to leave to get medications for a specific student, or give that extra attention to the student who needed it regarding their health.

7. Please list two developmental stages related to the population that you observed.

Concepts of self (imaginary audience): Piaget

Latency period: Freud